

36

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association

Held with

FREDONIA CHURCH,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 3d, 1875

OFFICERS:

W. W. FINLEY, Moderator,
C. A. SHORT, Clerk.



MEMPHIS, TENN.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY PRINT, 361 MAIN ST.



MINUTES.

FREDONIA CHURCH, September 19th, 1875.

The Thirty-Sixth Session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Fredonia church on the third Sabbath in September, 1875.

The extreme inclemency of the weather prevented meeting on Friday and Saturday.

At 9 o'clock the Association was called together by singing. Elder W. W. Finley in the chair. Prayer by Elder J. W. Sanford.

The Moderator announced the body in order for the transaction of business.

On motion, the reading of the Letters from the churches was dispensed with, and a committee on Credentials was appointed consisting of Elder J. T. Pitts, and Bros. L. J. Philips and G. W. Ball.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, to effect a permanent organization. Elders M. P. Lowrey and J. W. Sanford acting as tellers, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. W. Finley as Moderator, and Bro. C. A. Short, Clerk.

The Moderator, before taking his seat, made a few appropriate remarks, and thanked the body for the confidence imposed in him.

The Chair appointed a Devotional committee, consisting of Bros. H. Kirk and James Taylor with the pastor and deacons of this church.

On motion, the Introductory Sermon was dispensed with.

Petitionary letters were called for when one, from Pleasant Dale church, was read and the church received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, the order of business as found in last year's min-

utes was adopted as the order of business for the session, after striking out the report on Orphans Temperance and Systematic Benevolence. (See Appendix.)

On motion a Centennial committee was appointed, consisting of Elders G. W. Potter, J. T. Pitts, and I. M. Gray.

CALLED FOR CORRESPONDENTS.

Elder M. P. Lowrey was received as a correspondent of the Tippah Association, and also from the Baptist State Convention.

Elder J. W. Sanford was recognized as an agent for the Managers of the State Centennial committee.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

On Domestic Missions—Elder James Boswell, and Bro. H. Morgan and A. G. Perry.

On Publications—Elder C. W. Smith, and Bros. F. S. and B. F. Short.

On Foreign Missions—Elders G. W. Potter, C. W. S. and Bro. J. H. Morgan.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. H. Kirk, J. T. Short, and Ellis.

On Mississippi College—Elders M. L. Ball, D. C. M. Big Bro. N. M. Berry.

On Ministerial Education—Elders I. Smith, H. L. Johnson and Bro. A. R. Wilson.

On Finance—J. T. Short, Thos. Hodges, and G. F. Nantz.

On the State of Religion—Elder H. Pritchard and Bros. Morgan and A. G. Perry.

On motion, the hour of 10 o'clock, to-morrow, was set for the discussion of the Centennial question.

On motion, the body adjourned the business to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder James Boswell.

EXERCISES AT THE STAND.

The congregation assembled at the stand, near by, at 9 o'clock for preaching. Elder M. P. Lowrey preached the Word in his usual impressive manner, which was as broadcast upon the waters, to be gathered up many days hence.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. T. Pitts.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the reading of the Constitution, abstract of principles and Rules of Decorum, was dispensed with.

Another call for Correspondents was made.

Elder J. B. Gambrell, Dr. M. W. Phillips, and Bros. S. H. Plant, were received from the Oxford Association. Elder A. B. Smith was received from the Judson Association.

On motion, a special committee on Obituaries was appointed consisting of Elders M. L. Ball, H. L. Finley, and Bro. N. M. Berry.

The committee on Documents and Publications made their report, which was adopted without discussion. [B.]

The committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which was discussed by Elders J. B. Gambrell, W. W. Finley, G. W. Potter, and M. P. Lowrey, and adopted. [C.]

The report on Domestic Missions was read, and without discussion, was adopted. [D.]

The report of the Centennial committee was read by the Chairman, and after thrilling speeches by Elders J. B. Gambrell, M. P. Lowrey and J. W. Sanford, the report was adopted. [E.]

Intermission for one hour, for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1½ o'clock the Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. A. G. Perry.

Another call for correspondents was made.

Elder Joshua Smith was received from Tishomingo Association.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Bros. Thos. Pannell and B. F. Short.

The committee on Ministerial Education made their report, which was adopted. [F.]

The report on Sabbath-schools was read and adopted without discussion. [G.]

The report on Mississippi College was read by the Chair and adopted. [H.]

The Committee on the State of Religion made their report which was adopted without discussion. [I.]

The committee on Obituaries made their report, which was adopted. [J.]

The report of the Executive Board was read by the Chair and adopted without discussion. [K.]

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Judson Association—Elders W. W. Finley, James B. Jackson and J. C. McTucker.

To the Tishomingo Association—Elders I. M. Gray, H. L. Finley, James Boswell, M. L. Ball, G. W. Potter, and J. T. Morgan.

To the Cold Water Association—Elder H. L. Finley and J. H. Morgan.

To the Oxford Association—Elder W. W. Finley.

To the Aberdeen Association—Elder H. Pritchard.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elders W. W. Finley, M. L. Ball, G. W. Potter, and H. L. Finley, and Bros. F. Souter, G. A. Logan, and W. L. Souter.

Bethel church, LaFayette county, was elected for the purpose of holding the next session of this body.

On motion the regular rule was suspended to elect a Brother to preach the next Introductory Sermon, when Elder M. L. Ball was chosen by acclamation, and G. W. Potter, alternate.

On motion, Elder H. L. Finley was authorized to collect unpaid subscriptions made at the last Association for the support of Bro. Atchley while in school.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. [L.]

The committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [M.]

On motion the regular rule was suspended to elect an Executive Board by acclamation, whereupon N. M. Berry, H. Pitts, W. L. Souter, E. M. Stephens and Wm. Parks were chosen.

The Chair appointed Elder M. L. Ball to distribute the minutes in the first district, and Elder H. L. Finley to distribute in the second district.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet with the Bethel church, (LaFayette county) 7 miles east of Oxford on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1876.

After a feeling address by the Moderator, a parting hymn was sung, and Elder James Boswell offered an earnest prayer to Almighty God.

Thus closed another harmonious session of the Chickasaw Association.

W. W. FINLEY, Moderator.

C. A. SHORT, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

[APPENDIX A.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for correspondence.
2. Report on Domestic Missions.
3. Report on Foreign Missions.
4. Report on Documents and Publications.
5. Report on Ministerial Education.
6. Report on Mississippi College.
7. Report on Sabbath Schools.
8. Report on the State of Religion.
9. Report of Executive Board, and appointment of same.
10. Report on Finance.
11. Report of the Treasurer.
12. Appoint Correspondence.
13. Appoint the Place for Holding the next Association.
14. Elect a Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
15. Miscellaneous Business.

[APPENDIX B.]

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Documents and Publications report, that we heartily recommend to the attention of the brethren of this Association and people of the

The report on Mississippi College was read by the Chair and adopted. [H.]

The Committee on the State of Religion made their report which was adopted without discussion. [I.]

The committee on Obituaries made their report, which was adopted. [J.]

The report of the Executive Board was read by the Chair and adopted without discussion. [K.]

APPOINTMENT OF CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Judson Association—Elders W. W. Finley, James Boswell, M. L. Ball, and G. W. Potter, and Bros. W. L. Souter, B. Jackson and J. C. McTucker.

To the Tishomingo Association—Elders I. M. Gray, H. L. Finley, James Boswell, M. L. Ball, G. W. Potter, and J. T. Morgan.

To the Cold Water Association—Elder H. L. Finley and J. H. Morgan.

To the Oxford Association—Elder W. W. Finley.

To the Aberdeen Association—Elder H. Pritchard.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elders W. W. Finley, M. L. Ball, G. W. Potter, and H. L. Finley, and Bros. F. Souter, G. A. Logan, and W. L. Souter.

Bethel church, LaFayette county, was elected for the purpose of holding the next session of this body.

On motion the regular rule was suspended to elect a Brother to preach the next Introductory Sermon, when Elder M. L. Ball was chosen by acclamation, and G. W. Potter, alternate.

On motion, Elder H. L. Finley was authorized to collect unpaid subscriptions made at the last Association for the support of Bro. Atchley while in school.

The Treasurer made his report, which was adopted. [L.]

The committee on Finance made their report, which was adopted. [M.]

On motion the regular rule was suspended to elect an Executive Board by acclamation, whereupon N. M. Berry, H. Pitts, W. L. Souter, E. M. Stephens and Wm. Parks were chosen.

The Chair appointed Elder M. L. Ball to distribute the minutes in the first district, and Elder H. L. Finley to distribute in the second district.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet with the Bethel church, (LaFayette county) 7 miles east of Oxford on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1876.

After a feeling address by the Moderator, a parting hymn was sung, and Elder James Boswell offered an earnest prayer to Almighty God.

Thus closed another harmonious session of the Chickasaw Association.

W. W. FINLEY, Moderator.

C. A. SHORT, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

[APPENDIX A.]

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for correspondence.
2. Report on Domestic Missions.
3. Report on Foreign Missions.
4. Report on Documents and Publications.
5. Report on Ministerial Education.
6. Report on Mississippi College.
7. Report on Sabbath Schools.
8. Report on the State of Religion.
9. Report of Executive Board, and appointment of same.
10. Report on Finance.
11. Report of the Treasurer.
12. Appoint Correspondence.
13. Appoint the Place for Holding the next Association.
14. Elect a Minister to Preach the Introductory Sermon.
15. Miscellaneous Business.

[APPENDIX B.]

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Documents and Publications report, that we heartily recommend to the attention of the brethren of this Association and people of the

whole country, the books, documents, &c, published by the Southern Baptist Publication Society, located at Memphis, Tenn., with Elder G. A. I. President, and W. D. Mayfield, Business manager; also "The Baptist," published by Dr. J. R. Graves, at Memphis, with the Mississippi Department, by M. P. Lowrey. This journal we believe to be a true exponent of faith, and a great light reflecting gospel truth.

Also "Kind Words" as a good instructor for children in the Sunday school. Respectfully submitted,

F. SOUTER, Chairman

[APPENDIX C.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions report, that the Lord continues to bless the labors of our Missionaries in foreign lands, in a very encouraging manner. We have abundant reason to believe that the moral darkness has long shrouded the minds and hearts of our brethren in heathen countries is gradually and certainly yielding to the light of gospel truth.

But our Missionaries need all the encouragement, and material aid that can give. It is evidently our duty to assist them all we can, and it is feared that many of us do not feel that interest for this work, that its importance demands, and the main reason why we do not feel more interest in this work evidently is, because we know so little of the men and their work in foreign fields. We feel that our people, generally, ought to become better acquainted with the good work. The world is the field, and the command is given, but how shall they preach unless they be sent?

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER, Chairman

[APPENDIX D.]

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your committee on Domestic Missions would submit the following:

That Domestic Missions is in accordance with the divine will, is a fact established beyond all cavil. Jesus, our Saviour, was himself a domestic missionary. He sent his disciples frequently on home missionary tours; indeed, the ministry of Jesus and his disciples to the day of his crucifixion, was of this character. The first work of the church, after Pentecost, was of this character—sending out her ministers into all the cities and towns of Judea, and the Lord abundantly blessed their labors, and thousands were added to the church in a short time. That the great Head of the church still sanctions such labors is abundantly set forth in the history of our own beloved Association.

We contemplate, with pleasure, the Judson, the Tishomingo and Tippah Associations—three well organized bodies, laboring efficiently in the cause of the great Master. These noble bodies are the fruits of Domestic Missions Association.

Shall this work cease? Our answer is, "no," not as long as there is destitution in our bounds, or any poor that have not yet the gospel preached to them, and ministers ready to preach and means to send the gospel to them.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. BOSWELL, Chairman
J. H. MORGAN,
A. G. PERRY.

[APPENDIX E.]

REPORT ON THE CENTENNIAL.

Your committee on the Centennial work would report:

It is well known that the American people propose, in the year of 1876, to celebrate their National Centennial for the hundredth year of their independence. This is a grand movement of the American people, in commemoration of the civil liberty this country now enjoys. But we enjoy not only civil liberty, but also religious liberty, and America was the first Nation on the globe to secure full liberty of conscience, and this liberty of conscience was secured to the American people by the persistent efforts and sacrifices of the Baptists, and the last hundred years is the first and only hundred years, or even the only period that the Baptist as a denomination have been permitted to worship God according to their understanding of his holy word, and the only time in the world's history that they have not been persecuted by others. And, in as much as the Baptists have secured this liberty, both for themselves and for all others, the denomination proposes to celebrate the Centennial anniversary of America's Religious liberty, not by a display of pomp and splendor, not by uniting with the Nation in the display at Philadelphia in July 1876, but by laying on the altar our Centennial thank offering for the permanent endowment of our institutions of learning, and especially to offer the gratitude of our hearts to God for the blessing of soul liberty, and the promulgation of Bible truths and Bible principles. Respectfully submitted, G. W. POTTER, Char'n.

[APPENDIX F.]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial education would say, that they consider this subject as one of the most important which should come before this body.

There is work in the field for all the laborers to perform, as in all other engagements in life. Some of the material we have to labor with, requires that the laborer be prepared in every way possible to accomplish the work.

The old Veterans of the cross, many of whom are to-day enjoying the bliss of heaven, others laboring on, have felt, and do feel, the importance of this great work. There have been existing in the minds of many brethren feelings of opposition to the subject of Ministerial Education. We rejoice to know that many of these objections have faded away. There is no necessity, as we feel, of every one who feels it his duty to preach, to obtain a thorough education, on the contrary, there are reasons for us to thank God for the many evidences He has given us, that He is continually blessing the labors of many dear Brethren who never had the advantages of even a common education.

But when God calls young men, who have bright intellects and blooming minds, we feel that it is our duty to aid and encourage such ones, and more than that, to give them an important place in our prayers. While we feel there is a growing interest in this respect, we ought to gather more earnest zeal, and press forward in this great work. Our Brethren who now are labor-

ing under many disadvantages, demand it of us. Yea, more, the cause blessed Master, calls for greater earnestness and anxiety in the education of our ministers.

In many regions that cause, which is dear to all, is made to bleed for want of a man who has cultivated his mind, and thereby made himself the help of God, equal to the task.

We earnestly ask the Brethren to give this subject more anxious attention than they have done in the past.

Respectfully submitted, ISAAC SMITH, Chairman

[APPENDIX G.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are glad that the time is rapidly rolling up when the objections to Sabbath-schools are all banishing, and many of our churches report flourishing schools. We are sorry, however, to report that many churches have no school. Some appear to be anxious for a school, and are making some efforts in that direction, while we are to regret that many are indifferent on the subject. All churches should all be instructed and informed on this subject.

We would recommend that all our churches send representatives to the Sabbath-school Institute whenever it meets, and especially would we urge churches to represent themselves in this body, so that they may receive encouragement and gain sympathy in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. KIRK,
J. T. SHORT. } Chairman
P. J. ELLIS. }

[APPENDIX H.]

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your committee on Mississippi College, would ask leave to report the following:

The College, situated at Clinton, Miss., controlled by the Baptist State Convention, is in a prosperous condition. We would say the College is a success and one of the cheapest schools for boys we know. The location is healthy, the climate salubrious. The men who compose the faculty, are men of earnestness and ability. The influence there, over the young men cannot be surpassed.

Many of the students are young ministers. We are thankful that the endowment fund is in a fair way to be completed soon, which will place the institution on a firm basis. We would recommend this institution to all who have boys to educate. Respectfully submitted, MARTIN L. BALL, Chairman

[APPENDIX I.]

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on the State of Religion beg leave to submit the following: We come to the conclusion that the cause of our Redeemer is prospering.

many of our churches, while we lament to see that many of our churches are in a cold condition. The question arises, why this coldness? We answer, for the want of consecration and effort on the part of members.

We would recommend that each church, in the bounds of our Association, erect a prayer meeting, and pray for the success of the gospel of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
H. PRITCHARD, Char'n.

[APPENDIX J.]

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your committee on Obituaries beg leave to report, that since our last session, death has removed from our midst, our well known and much beloved ELIJAH SMYTH. In recording the death of this dear brother, your committee is impressed with the great loss we have sustained, and we feel that we can truly say, "a great man in Israel has fallen."

While he lives in the affectionate remembrance of his brethren, we deem it but a just tribute to departed worth, to put on record of our minutes a few brief words to tell to the future enquirer, that there lived and labored such a man in the Chickasaw Association. Such a man we knew him to be.

He was chosen a member of your Executive Board, if we mistake not, in 1845, and was re-elected at each annual session since, and was, at the time of his departure, President of the Board. The sacrifices, sufferings and labors of our dear brother are over; but we can truly say, that we have known no one who excelled his devotion to the blessed cause of our Saviour.

In him we feel that we ever had a wise and safe Counselor in conducting the affairs of our Zion. One ever ready too, to help, by material aid, to the extent of his ability; but above all, Bro. SMYTH's true worth was best known to those who knew him best. His every day walk, his humble christian spirit, ever manifesting that charity which thinketh no evil, are some of the christian graces which so adorned his character, but we can truly rejoice, that while we feel our loss has been great, his removal has been his eternal gain. He has gone to meet the Saviour, and all the redeemed throng that have gone before him.

Resolved, therefore, that we commend the life of our deceased brother, as a worthy example for each of us to follow.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his aged companion, his children and relatives, and that a copy of this notice be sent to his affectionate widow. Respectfully submitted,

M L. BALL, Char'n.

[APPENDIX K.]

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to report, that soon after their appointment, they employed our dear Bro. Elder H. L. Johnson, for three-fourths of his time, as your Missionary, whose report is herewith submitted;

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE BOARD: I herewith submit my report as your Missionary:

I have devoted three-fourths of my time to the work. Traveled 1430 miles,

preached 112 sermons, visited 101 families, attended 41 prayer meetings, delivered 28 exhortations, baptized 3 converts, sold \$65 worth of books for the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

I have visited all the churches in the Association, at two or three times, and the circumstances by which my work has been surrounded have not been able to do more. I would call attention to the following that ought, by all means, to be supplied by your future Board, to-wit: Ford, Sarepta, Indian Creek, Delay, Pott's Creek and Woodson's Ridge.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. JOHN

Thus the results of your Missionary labor for another year are before you. I will see that there are still destitute places in our bounds. Souls, hungry for the bread of life, will we open our hands to supply them with the Word.

Your Board are impressed that if every member of our churches was just a little, that we would be able to occupy the inviting fields alluded to in our Missionary. Praying that the blessings of the Lord may rest upon the work that has been done by your Board and Missionary, we respectfully return the trust reposed in us.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Sec'y of I

[APPENDIX M.]

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report the following:

CHURCHES	AMOUNT.	CHURCHES	AMOUNT.
Amaziah.....	\$ 1 00	Abberville.....	
Bethel, (U.C.).....	90	Bethel, (L.C.).....	
Bluff Springs.....	2 50	Cypress Creek.....	
Cherry Creek.....	3 50	Fredonia.....	
Duncan's Creek.....	1 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	
Friendship.....	50	New Hope.....	
Liberty.....	1 85	Spring Hill.....	
Mt. Pisgah.....	1 00	Shady Grove.....	
Midway.....	2 00	Spring Creek.....	
Pleasant Hill.....	1 00	Tocopola.....	
Philadelphia.....	1 10	Union.....	
Shiloh.....	2 00	New Albany.....	
Salem.....	1 00	Sarepta.....	
Oakmeter.....	75		
Total amount.....			

The above amounts received for minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. SHORT, CH

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Executive Board of Home Missions be, and are instructed to direct the Missionary for the ensuing year to spend the time which he may be employed at the destitute points within the bounds of the Association.

er meetings, de-
books from the

three of which
peculiarity of the
surrounded, that I
following places
to-wit: Water-
on's Ridge.

L. JOHNSON.
e before you. You
ouls, hungering
ith the Word?
ches was to help
ds alluded to by
rest upon what
return to you

Sec'y of Board.

g:

AMOUNT.
..... 3 00
..... 2 15
..... 2 00
..... 50
..... 1 00
..... 1 20
..... 2 00
..... 1 05
..... 2 00
..... 2 00
..... \$1 00
..... 3 10
..... 1 00
..... \$42 10

ORT, Char'n.

nd are hereby
nd the time for
unds of our As-

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Moderator and Clerk for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their respective duties, during the present session. Also to the brethren and friends in this vicinity for their kind hospitality extended to us during the present session.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, reserving ten dollars for his services.

UNION MEETINGS.

The Union meeting of the first District, of the Chickasaw Association, will meet with Cherry Creek Church on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in July, 1876. Elder G. W. Potter to preach the Introductory sermon; Elder James Boswell, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays, on subjects in connection with their names:

Benevolence—R. B. Pitts.

Family Government—Elder James Boswell.

Humility—N. M. Berry.

The support of the Gospel Ministry—H. T. Pitts.

Repentance—Elder M. L. Ball.

Call to the Gospel Ministry—Elder D. C. M. Bigham.

Godliness—Elder I. Smith.

Who are the two Witnesses spoken of in Revelation—Elder J. T. Pitts.

The Second Coming of Christ—Elder G. W. Potter.

Church Discipline—C. O. Potter.

QUERIES.

The following queries for discussion:

- 1—Is the Deaconship an office in the church of Christ designed to continue while the church exist?
- 2—By what title should a man be designated who has been authorized to preach, but not ordained?
- 3—What is Paradise, and where is it located?
- 4—What course should a church pursue with a Brother who neglects, and refuses to attend his church conference?
- 5—Is it right to wash the Saint's feet; if so, when and where should it be done?
- 6—What course should a church pursue towards a member who refuses to bear his proportional part of the expenses of the church?
- 7—What should be done with a member who promises to help support the gospel and fails to do it?

The Union meeting of the second District, of the CH Association, will meet with the Bluff Spring church, fi northwest of LaFayette Springs, on Thursday before ond Sabbath in August, 1876.

The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Finley; Elder H. Pritchard, alternate.

Subjects of essays and brethren to write :

1—*Who are the Primitive Baptists, the Missionary or sionary*—Elder H. L. Finley.

2—*Did Divinity Suffer at the Crucifixion*—Elder T. G.

3—*The place of the soul after death until the Resurrection*—W. W. Finley.

4—*Is Christ's church and Kingdom one and the same*—W. L. Reynolds.

5—*Can Baptists hold pulpit affiliation with other denom and be consistent with the teaching of the Scriptures*—Elder Parker.

6—*What is gospel repentance*—Elder C. W. Smith.

7—*What constitutes gospel obedience to Christ*—Elder Murphey.

8—*The Support of the Ministry*—J. W. Powell.

9—*The duty of Deacons*—W. L. Mullins.

10—*The importance of Sabbath-schools*—J. M. Perry.

11—*On what day of the week was Christ Crucified*—P. P.

12—*Church behavior*—M. L. Atchley.

QUERIES FOR DISCUSSION.

1—Should a church discipline a member for obtaining services of h bor on the Sabbath day?

2—What course should a church pursue with a member who practi ing?

3—Was John's baptism gospel baptism, and had those he baptized forgiveness of their sins b fore he baptized them?

4—What is meant when Jesus says "Upon this Rock, I will l Church"?

5—Should a church ordain a brother who desires ordination, but part of the abstract of principles governing the Association?

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBIT:

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer, in account with Chickasaw Association:

1874	Nov. 5th	Received of New Hope church.....	\$10 00
1875	Sept. 19th	To amount received of New Hope church.....	4 00
"	" "	To amount of public collection.....	12 95
"	" 20th	To amount received of Bethel church, LaFayette co...	5 00
"	" "	Amount received of Tocopola church.....	13 00
"	" "	Amount received of Pleasant Ridge church.....	8 50
"	" "	Amount received of New Albany church.....	5 00
"	" "	Amount received of Liberty church.....	9 00
"	" "	Amount received of Philadelphia church.....	10 00
"	" "	Amount received of El. Bethel church.....	10 00
"	" "	Amount received of Bluff Springs church.....	10 00
"	" "	Amount received of Mt. Pleasant church.....	20 00
"	" "	Amount received of Abbeville church.....	20 00
"	" "	Amount received of Cherry Creek church.....	30 00
"	" "	Amount received of Elder H. L. Finley.....	15 00
"	" "	Amount received of Bro C. A. Short.....	5 00
"	" "	Amount received of Salem church.....	10 00
Total amount received.....			\$197 45

CREDITS:

1874	November	By cash paid Elder H. L. Finley.....	\$10 00
1875	Sept. 20th	By cash paid Elder W. W. Finley.....	13 00
"	" "	By cash paid Elder H. L. Johnson.....	174 45
Total amount paid out.....			\$197 45

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

Ordained and licensed ministers, in the Chickasaw Association, with their post office address:

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	NAMES.
W. L. Reynolds.....	Cornersville	M. L. Ball.....
H. L. Finley.....	Abberville	D. C. M. Bigham.....
H. Pritchard.....	Walton	James Baswell.....
C. W. Smith.....	Espereza	J. V. Johnson.....
W. W. Finley.....	Tocopola	B. B. Smith.....
F. M. Ferrell, Sr.....	LaFayette Springs	H. C. Johnson.....
G. W. Potter.....	Wallerville	I. Smith.....
M. Parker.....	Paris	F. Gorley.....
J. T. Pitts.....	Cherry Creek	I. M. Gray.....

LICENTIATES.

NAMES	POST-OFFICE.	NAMES.
W. J. Vickers.....	Randolph	W. H. Murphy.....
W. N. Swain.....	Cornersville	J. H. Morgan.....
F. M. Ferrell, Jr.....	Tocopola	F. Mize.....
J. A. Johnson.....	Randolph	E. M. Gregory.....
J. M. Cleavland.....	Hickory Flat	

PLEDGES TO BE PAID AT THE ASSOCIATION IN 187

CHURCH.	AMOUNT.	CHURCH.
Salem church.....	\$10 00	Bethel, (L. C.).....
Tocopola church.....	10 00	Pleasant Ridge.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	20 00	Pleasant Hill.....
New Albany church.....	10 00	W. L. Souther.....
Shiloh church.....	5 00	Fredonia.....
H. L. Finley.....	15 00	A. G. Perry.....
Sarepta church.....	10 00	Cherry Creek.....
C. A. Short.....	5 00	

hickasaw Associa-

POST-OFFICE.
 Cherry Creek
 Cherry Creek
 Cherry Creek
 Randolph
 LaFayette Springs
 Dallas
 Wallerville
 Tocopola
 Cornersville

POST-OFFICE.
 Tocopola
 Cornersville
 Paris
 Tocopola

IN 1876.

AMOUNT.
 \$10 00
 10 00
 10 00
 5 00
 5 00
 2 50
 30 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.....	Received by Let. Excluded.....	Restored.....	Dis'd by letter..	Died.....	Total	Days Meet'g Sabb'th.
Amaziah.....	W. L. Reynolds.....	Cornersville.....	A. G. Perry, W. L. Reynolds,* J. Swain,*	135	7	1	7	2	90	2,4
Abbeville.....	A. L. Finley.....	Abbeville.....	H. L. Finley, G. A. Logan,* J. M. Lee,*	23	6	3	20	1	87	4
Bethel, U. C.....	H. Pritchard.....	Esparanza.....	J. H. Robbins, J. D. Picher, J. F. Duncan*	10	4	1	5	1	78	4
Bluff Springs.....	Thos. Gorley.....	Oxford.....	J. T. Short, A. R. Wilson, James Taylor*	4	2	1	12	1	63	2
Cypress Creek.....	W. W. Finley.....	LaFayette Springs.....	W. M. Buillard,* W. H. Miller, A. A. Hittell.....	2	1	1	8	1	58	4
Cherry Creek.....	M. L. Ball.....	LaFayette Springs.....	F. M. Ferrell, S. B. F. Short, A. M. Parks*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Cary Springs.....	J. V. Johnson.....	Randolph.....	J. T. Pitts, D. C. M. Bigham,* M. L. Ball.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Duncan Creek.....	C. W. Smith.....	LaFayette Springs.....	R. Swain,* E. C. Custer, W. P. Hooker.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
El. Bethel.....	H. I. Johnson.....	Dallas.....	J. B. Mosely, R. K. Webb,* W. H. Sharp,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Friendship.....	I. T. Pitts.....	Pontotoc.....	B. Jackson, W. L. Soaster, S. H. Turner,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Frederia.....	H. Pritchard.....	Frederia.....	A. Shetles, W. J. Vawter, I. W. Smith.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Liberty.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Cherry Creek.....	James Boswell, B. J. Caldwell, B. C. Golding.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Mount Pleasant.....	G. W. Potter.....	Wallerville.....	G. W. Potter, Isaac Smith, D. E. Mitchell,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Mount Pisgah.....	W. L. Reynolds.....	Cornersville.....	I. M. Gray, W. N. Swain,* S. V. Walker,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
New Hope.....	J. T. Pitts.....	Pontotoc.....	J. Smith,* S. H. Pitts, W. H. Seals,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
New Albany.....	Isaac Smith.....	Pontotoc.....	J. A. Hill, J. Tate, N. P. Russell.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Oaklamer.....	I. M. Gray.....	New Albany.....	C. G. Baker, J. M. Cleaveland, G. A. Beathner.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
London Hill.....	M. L. Ball.....	Hickory Flat.....	Not represented.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Midway.....	I. Smith.....	Molino.....	Not represented.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Pleasant Ridge.....	W. L. Reynolds.....	Molino.....	P. C. Randolph,* J. E. McCarley,* T. Y. Pannell.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Pleasant Hill.....	W. L. Reynolds.....	Walton.....	J. M. Patterson,* J. B. Carlie, J. B. Robbins.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Philadelphia.....	W. F. Davis.....	Walton.....	C. A. Short, H. C. Tyer,* S. H. Short.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Piney Grove.....	C. W. Smith.....	LaFayette Springs.....	Not represented.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Spring Hill.....	C. W. Smith.....	LaFayette Springs.....	T. J. Hodges, F. Nance, J. C. Harris.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Shiloh.....	H. L. Johnson.....	LaFayette Springs.....	A. J. Waters, P. L. Ellis, W. Welch.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Sarepta.....	C. W. Smith.....	Sarepta.....	L. Phillips, J. L. Taylor,* J. B. Phillips,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Shady Grove.....	C. W. Smith.....	Esparanza.....	C. W. Smith,* J. E. Browning,* J. D. Dison.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Salem.....	H. L. Finley.....	Cornersville.....	J. H. Morgan, H. Kirk, G. A. Webb,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Spring Creek.....	W. W. Finley.....	Waterford.....	T. Young, M. Morgan, A. J. Gaines.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Temperance Hill.....	W. W. Finley.....	Tocopola.....	Not represented.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Tocopola.....	T. Gorley.....	Tocopola.....	B. B. Smith, W. W. Finley, W. H. Murphy,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Union.....	H. Pritchard.....	Dallas.....	L. Coffman,* T. V. Harrell, P. P. Watts,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Pine Flat.....	H. Pritchard.....	Dallas.....	Not represented.....	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
Pleasant Dale.....	H. Pritchard.....	Esparanza.....	H. Pritchard, C. W. Smith, T. B. Short,*	1	1	1	4	1	147	2
			*AP-EST.	610					34	3

Southern Baptist Publication Society, Memphis

NEW BOOKS.

- Church Member's Hand Book of Theology.** Just out, every one to have it, \$1 50.
- Baptist Psalmist.** With music, shaped notes cloth, \$1 00. Without
- Little Scraph.** Shaped notes—thousands selling. 35c.
- Gospel Songs.** New and splendid. 3c.
- Middle Life.** Exposing spiritism. 75c.
- Misties of Truth.** By Dr. Gardner. \$1 00.
- Communion.** By Dr. Gardner. \$1 00.
- Evangel Wiseman.** By Mrs. Ford. \$1 75.
- Southern Psalmist.** Arabesque. \$1 00.
- Subscription Bible.** From \$6 00 to \$20 00.
- The Trilemma; Death by Three Horns.** By J. R. GRAVES. in the Romish Church valid? No Protestant can decide affirmatively without unbaptizing and unchurching the whole Protestant world. pages; price, 50c.
- Origin of Baptists.** By S. H. FORD, LL. D. This work is a condensed tracing the Baptists by the mile-stones of time from the present back to the Apostles. 18mo. cloth, 175 pages; price, 60c.
- Baptist Denomination.** By Miss M. J. WELSH. This is a prize-practice made by the Pedobaptist world, answering them with such in a style so fascinating, as to entitle the author to the gratitude of a
- Three Reasons Why I am a Baptist.** By J. M. PENDLETON. A title of this little book, and know the author, will at once recognize the title of this little book, and know the author, will at once recognize
- The Atonement.** By J. M. PENDLETON. This is a treatise on the of Christ, with an essay on justification, to both of which are added q an appendix. 18mo. 211 pages; price, 65c.
- Corrective Church Discipline.** By A. S. WORRELL A. M. This review of Dr. Mell's Church Discipline, with an introduction of thirty Dr. CRAWFORD; also, an appendix of 120 pages, which contains a Scriptu of Church discipline. 18mo. cloth, 200 pages; price, 60c.
- The Knife Grinder's Son.** A thrilling story founded on fact. So Germany. 18mo. cloth, 160 pages; price, 50c.
- Grace Warren.** A prize book on early conversion, by Miss LAUR TON. 18mo. cloth, 128 pages; price, 40c.
- Avenging of the Execut.** By Rev. D. D. BUCK. Those who are in the second coming and reign of Christ on earth will find in this little v thing to interest them. 18mo. cloth, 144 pages; price, 40c.
- The First Baptist Church in Providence Not the Oldest Church in America.** By S. ALAM. 18mo. cloth, 65 pages; price, 30c.
- Osborne's Lectures.** Subjects—Mission of the Young Men of t the Sphere and Mission of Women; The Genius of Masonry. 18mo. price, 30c.
- Thoughts on Christian Duty.** By J. M. PENDLETON. This concl designed for Christians generally, and for young converts particula cloth, 120 pages; price, 30c. Paper, 15c.
- Baptist Facts vs. Methodist Fiction.** By A. C. DAYTON. A valu book to circulate among Methodists. 18mo. cloth, 162 pages; price, 30c.
- Questions to the Impenitent.** By J. M. PENDLETON. This is a little work, and is well calculated to awaken the thoughtless and blind Christ. 18mo. cloth, 110 pages; price, 30c. Paper, 15c.
- Questions of the Age.** By Eld. J. S. BAKER, 18mo. cloth, 111 pages; published, more especially for young converts in our Sunday Schools, a the Baptist brotherhood as have not had the means to post themselves subject of Church Communion. By T. C. TEASDALE, D. D. 18mo. cloth, price, 30c. Paper, 10c.
- Training of Children.** By A. JONES, Jr. All parents ought to pr book and read it carefully. 18mo. cloth, 72 pages; price, 30c.
- The Hero of Truth.** A prize book, on leading children to Jesus, E. DOBBS, of Lexington, Ky. 18mo. cloth, 95 pages; price, 30c.
- Ellen Manning; or, Trials and their Uses.** 18mo. cloth, 1 price, 40c.
- Children Brought to Christ.** By Dr. A. C. DAYTON. A valuable li for parents and Sunday School teachers. 18mo. cloth, 57 pages; price 35c.
- City out of Sight.** By Mrs. LIZZIE C. DOUGHERTY. This little book the attractions of the Celestial City; the way to it; the cost of the jour a delightful child's book. 18mo. cloth, 86 pages; price, 30c.
- Children Called to Jesus.** By ANONYMOUS. A choice little book dren; showing them that they ought to come to Jesus; how and when the come. 18mo. cloth, 42 pages; price, 25c. Paper, 10c.
- The Weaver of Naumburg; or, the Triumphs of Meekness.** ing story of the 14th century. 18mo. cloth, 176 pages; price, 60c.
- Stories about Jesus.** A beautiful series for children' concerning h of love whilst on earth. 18mo. cloth, 160 pages; price, 50c.

Memphis, Tenn.

t, every christian ough
Without music 35c.

GRAVES. Is baptism
atively or negatively
at world. 18mo. 15c

is a concise history
ent back to the days,

a prize-book of the
to Baptist faith and
with such ability, and
titude of all true Bap-

LETON. All who see
recognize its value.

se on the atonement
added questions in

. M. This work is a
a of thirty pages by
a Scriptural method

a fact. Scene laid in

Miss LAURA H. DAY.

ho are interested in
is little work some-

e Oldest Baptist
rice, 30c.

Men of the South;
18mp. 114 pages;

his concise work is
particularly. 18mo.

. A valuable little
ice, 30c.

This is a pungent
and bring them to

11 pages; price, 35c.

ches, prepared and
schools, and such of
themselves on the
no. cloth, 83 pages;

ght to procure this

o Jesus, by Eld. C.

cloth, 112 pages;

valuable little work
price 35c.

tle book portrays
the journey, etc.,

tle book for chil-
when they should

ckness. A thrill-

erning his labors

MRS. MAYFIELD'S HAPPY HOME

FOR 1876.

THIS MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR LADIES has already taken a high stand in the South. It is acknowledged to be superior to many of the old and long established Monthlies of the North. The literature with which it is filled is sound and moral in its tone. It is fresh, sprightly and pure. Any wife or daughter may read it, not only with perfect safety, but with great advantage. It will be a lasting good to any family. **It is now a Permanent Institution of the South,** and will soon enter upon the second year of its prosperous history. It is now demonstrated that the Southern people **WILL** support their own Magazine.

HAPPY HOME

will be filled with Choice Stories, Essays, Poetry, Letters, Editorials and talks on the Fash-
ions. The tone of all the literature will be purely moral and elevated. And we shall illus-
trate the Magazine profusely with

Fine Cuts and with Fashion Plates.

We shall always try to keep up with the Fashions.

OUR CLUB RATES

Are very attractive and liberal. The premiums given to those who get up clubs are really splendid. And then we give a **LARGE AND BEAUTIFUL CHROMO** to every subscriber. We will not say that it is worth \$15, as some of the Magazines say. This would be false. But we can truly say that it is the finest picture we have ever seen offered as a premium to any Magazine.

We want some one in every town and neighborhood to get up a club; we want the help and sympathy of every Southern worker and writer. The Magazine, including postage, is **Only Three Dollars per Annum**—just what the Chromo would cost if bought in a picture store. **Send for sample copy, price twenty-five cents, and get club rates, and see style of work.** Address,

Mrs. Mayfield's Happy Home,

361 Main Street, MEMPHIS, TENN.

